This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and
listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text
being underlined):

1   1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising the steps of:
2   receiving, by a client system in response to a request by a user
3   of the client system, data from a network in a distributed system;
4   obtaining, by said client system from the user of the client
5   system, an indication of a minimum length of time during which the
6   received data is to be temporarily stored; and
7   storing temporarily on the client system at least a portion of
8   the received data for a period of at least the minimum length of time
9   indicated by the user at the client system.

1   2. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   wherein the received data is stored in a memory space accessible by
3   the client system as cache.

         3. through 6. (Cancelled)

1   7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   further including the step of designating, on said client system, that
3   the received data be temporarily stored, wherein the designating
4   step includes a step of presenting a user with a window for user
5   input.

1   8. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the
2   specifying step is carried out by a user in real time.

1   9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further
2   comprising the step of reading an instruction provided with the

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3 received data, wherein the instruction indicates that the received

4 data should be temporarily stored.

1   10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,

2 further comprising the step of deleting the data immediately after

3 the specified minimum length of time has passed.

1   11. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the

2 data is a first Web page containing a hyperlink to a second Web

3 page and the storing step includes storing data of the second Web

4 page.

1   12. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising the step

2 steps of:

3   browsing by a user at a client in order to locate Web page data

4 associated with a specific Web page;

5   at said client, entering a time specified by the user for the

6 Web page data associated with the specific Web page;

7   storing said Web page data for the specific Web page

8 temporarily in a cache; and

9   after said user specified time period, deleting said Web page

10 data for the specific Web page from said cache.

        13. (Cancelled)

1   14. (Previously Presented) A client, comprising:

2   a central processing unit;

3   an input device coupled to said central processing unit;

4   an output device coupled to said central processing unit; and

5   a memory space operatively coupled to said central processing

6 unit for storing data,

7   the client being configured to temporarily store data

8 downloaded from a network for a minimum period of time specified

9 by a user, after which period of time the stored data is subject to

10 automatic deletion, said user specified minimum period of time

11 being specified by an entry made at said input device by the user;

12   wherein the stored data represents a particular Web site image

13 downloaded from the network and the user-specified minimum

14 period of time is associated with the stored data of the particular

15 Web site image only.

1   15. (Original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the

2 memory space is a cache memory space.

    16. (Cancelled)

1   17. (Original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the

2 client is further configured to respond to a user request to display

3 information about the stored data.

1   18. (Original) A client according to claim 17, wherein the

2 client is further configured to respond to a user request to modify a

3 property of the stored data.

    19. through 20. (Cancelled)

1   21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

2 the step of obtaining includes inquiring of the user of the client system

3 whether the received data should be temporarily saved.

1   22. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 21,

2 wherein the step of obtaining includes receiving an indication from the

3 user that the at least a portion of the received data is to be temporarily

4 stored.

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1   23. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 22,
2   wherein the step of obtaining includes prompting the user of the client
3   system to enter the minimum length of time to temporarily store the
4   received data.

1   24. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 23,
2   wherein the step of obtaining includes accepting from the user of the
3   client system the indication of the minimum length of time.

1   25. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   additionally comprising deleting from storage the at least a portion
3   of the received data on a first in/first out basis upon the passage of
4   the minimum length of time indicated by the user.

1   26. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   additionally comprising providing the user of the client system with
3   an option to delete an earlier version of the received data being
4   stored.

1   27. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   additionally comprising, after the expiration of the minimum length
3   of time, notifying the user of the client system prior to the deletion
4   of the at least a portion of the received data.

1   28. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
2   additionally comprising deleting the at least a portion of the received data
3   after notifying the user of the client system prior to the deletion, and
4   after the user of the client system has authorized the deletion of the at
5   least a portion of the received data.

1   29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein
2   the step of obtaining the indication of the minimum length of time occurs
3   after the step receiving the requested data.

1   30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein
2   the received data is associated with a particular Web page, and wherein
3   the minimum length of time received from the user is applied only to the
4   received data associated with the particular Web page.

1   31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein
2   the received data is associated with a particular Web page, and wherein
3   the client system erases only the received data associated with the
4   particular Web page after the minimum length of time received from the
5   user.

1   32.   (Previously Presented) A method, comprising the steps of:
2   receiving, by a client system in response to a request by a user of
3   the client system, data for an individual Web page, from a network in a
4   distributed system;
5   obtaining, by said client system from the user of the client system
6   and after receiving the data of the individual Web page, an indication of a
7   minimum length of time during which the received data for the individual
8   Web page is to be temporarily stored on the client system; and
9   storing temporarily at least a portion of the received data for the
10   individual Web page on the client system for a period of at least the
11   minimum length of time; and
12   deleting the received data for the individual Web page from the
13   client system after at least the minimum length of time.

1   33. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the obtaining
2   step is performed at substantially the same time as the storing step